

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application: Thomas et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1731
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Serial No. to be assigned	)	Examiner:
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For: RADIO FREQUENCY DRYING FOR USE IN CORE AND TUBEWINDING  
OPERATIONS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the claims as follows.